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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science & Technology
SUBJECT : Impressions Derived from the Land Panel Meeting, 21 July 1965

1. The overall general impression I received from the many briefings was that probably very little was added to the information most of the Panel already possessed. The limited time allowed per presentation further inhibited the degree of new data given. On the whole, the questions reflected the basically good background knowledge of the Panel members. It was rather difficult to obtain an appreciation of what has occurred since February 1965 in some of the programs since most briefers appeared constrained to use large parts of their allotted time for general system descriptions. These comments do not strictly apply to [] M Prime and ISINGLASS.

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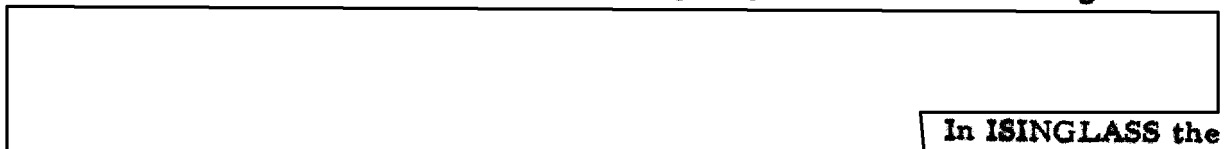
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3. The second apparent incongruity comes from looking at

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In ISINGLASS the

manned version is

of dollars less than an

unmanned version. The briefings did not pinpoint and clarify this apparent

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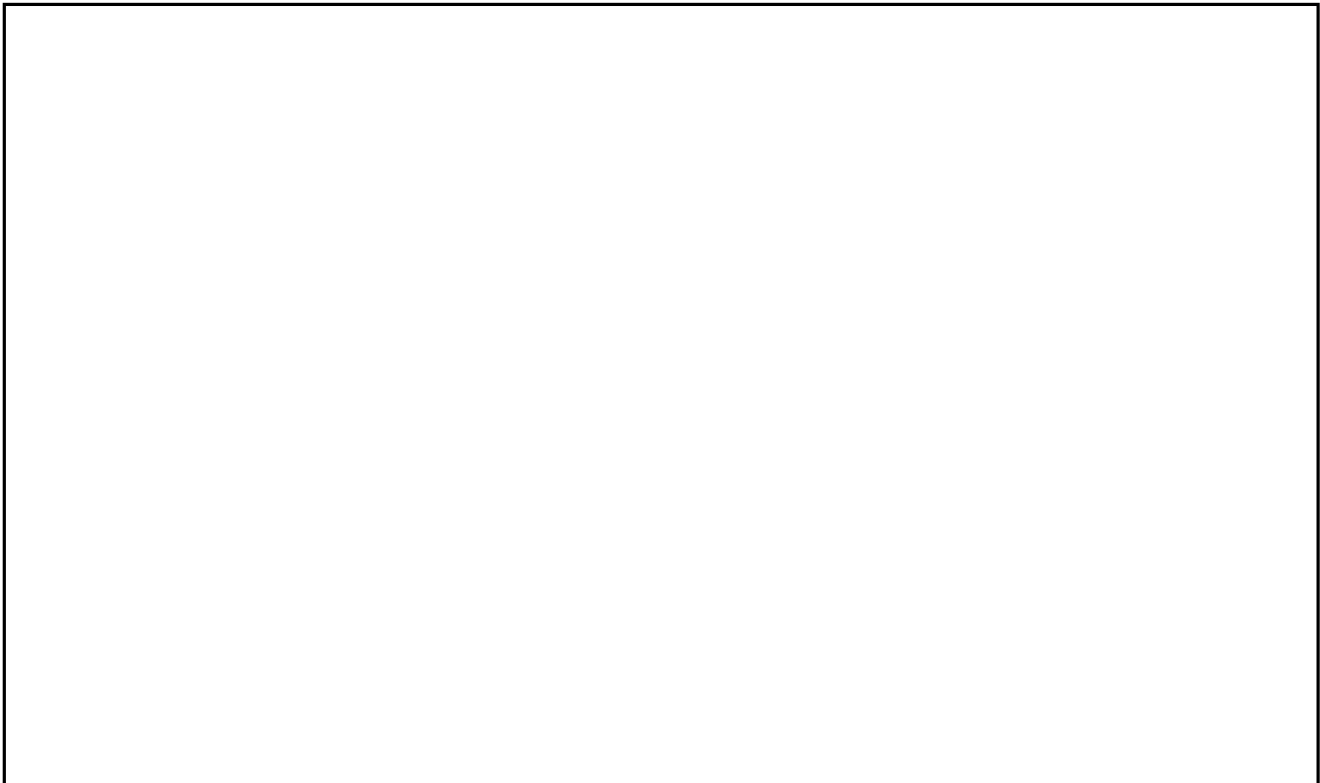
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4. The presentation by Brig. Gen. Stewart was illuminating since it did not quite match my understanding of even current procedures, much less the agreed upon and regulated ones. As an example, the approval for overflight of denied areas by SAC forces was not in any way related to the 303 Committee -- rather, the implication was that JRC or JCS had approval authority. Another example was the repeated and rather pointed referral to the NRO staff as being Stewart's rather than McMillan's. The position and relative authority

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of DDS&T, the [redacted] director and DNRO also was somewhat mixed up on the charts. To anyone who knows, this might not be serious but to relative outsiders, like perhaps J. Baker and Don Ling, it must be judged to be deceptive.

5. Though the quality and content of the various presentations varied rather greatly, I did not get the feeling that these differences would be of significance to any Panel recommendations, conclusions

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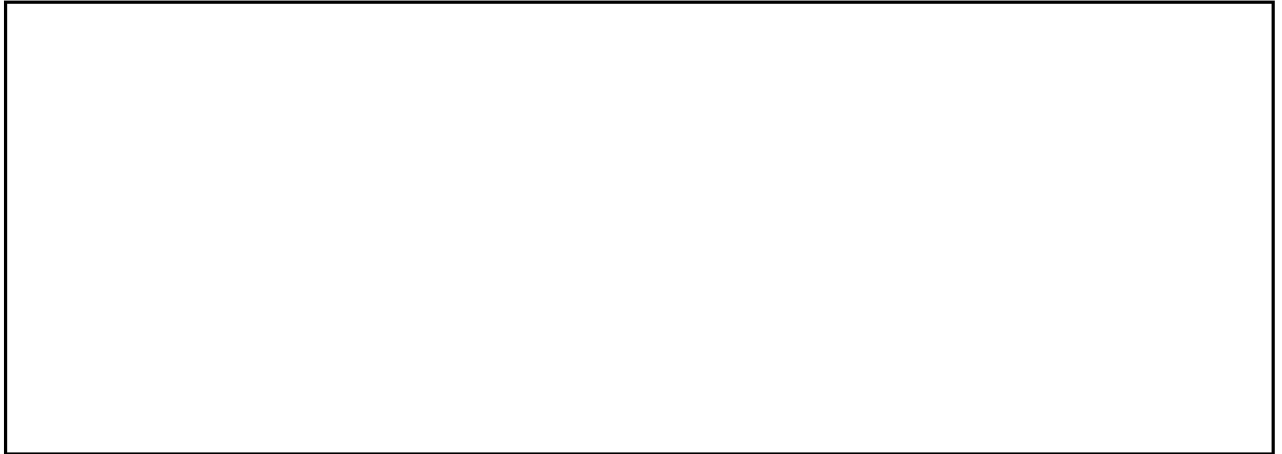
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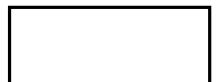
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